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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER
- MARCH 4, 1975

1. ROCKET ATTACKS INCREASED IN TEMPO YESTERDAY,
MARCH 3, ON THE CAPITAL. A TOTAL OF 23 ROCKETS FELL
IN AND AROUND THE AIRPORT AND THE CITY. IN THE LATEST
ATTACKS A TOTAL OF 19 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 15
WOUNDED. THE WORST OF THESE WAS A ROCKET THAT IMPACTED
DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE MONOROM HOTEL IN CENTRAL
PHNOM PENH YESTERDAY, MARCH 3, AT 1700 HOURS, KILLING
ELEVEN PERSONS AND WOUNDING TEN MORE. ON THE LOWER
MEKONG THERE IS LITTLE CHANGE. COMMUNIST PRESSURE
CONTINUES AGAINST BANAM AND NEAK LUONG. BOTH CITIES
ARE NOW SEPARATED BECAUSE OF THE ENEMY CUT ON THE ROAD
LINKING THE TWO CITIES. FURTHER DOWN THE MEKONG, ON
THE WEST BANK, FANK'S SIERRA TWO POSITION I
BEING RESUPPLIED BY AIR. NORTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL
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BRIDGES NINE AND TEN ALONG THE MEKONG ON ROUTE SEVEN,

HAVE FALLEN IN THE PAST 48 HOURS. THIRTY-FOUR FANK
SURVIVORS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT SIDE AFTER THE FALL
OF BRIDGE TEN, YESTERDAY, MARCH 3. ACTIONS ARE ALSO
REPORTED SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL.

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SURGE IN THE CGA QEP AND DC-8 AIR SUPPLY TO THE CAPITAL IS
REPORTED. YESTERDAY 31 C-130 SORTIES AND 15 DC-8
SORTIES WERE FLOWN INTO PHNOM PENH. THE ANNOUNCEMENT

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE YESTERDAY, MARCH 3, OF THE
APPROVAL OF 20,000 ADDITIONAL TONS OF RICE, UNDER TITLE TWO,
DESTINED FOR REFUGEES AND THE NEEDY IN CAMBODIA, COMES
AS A FURTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL LIFT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE
CAPITAL.

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